



# MEDIA ADVISORY

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 14, 2008

FURTHER INFORMATION

Samuel E. Cole, Program Manager  
(615) 313-5682/ Office  
Michelle Mowery Johnson  
(615) 313-4707/ Office

**Attention: Calendar Editors**

## **PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED ON SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

*STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEARINGS OFFER VENUE FOR PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP*

**WHAT:** The Tennessee Department of Human Services' Division of Rehabilitation Services is holding public hearings across the state on the proposed fiscal year 2009 State Plan for the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program.

### **WHEN and WHERE:**

Nashville - Monday, May 19, 2008, 3:00 p.m.  
Metropolitan Board of Education  
Board Room Entrance-Berry Street  
2601 Bransford Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37204

Jackson – Tuesday May 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m.  
Jackson Center for Independent Living  
1981 Hollywood Road  
Jackson, TN 38305

Johnson City – Tuesday May 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m.  
Tennessee Room  
Johnson City Medical Center  
400 N. State of Franklin Road  
Johnson City, TN 37604 - 6094

Knoxville - Wednesday May 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m.  
State Office Building  
531 Henley Street, Room 7-A  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Chattanooga – Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 4:00 p.m.  
State Office Building  
First Floor Auditorium  
540 McCallie Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37403

Memphis – Thursday, May 22, 2008, 4:00 p.m.  
Memphis Center for Independent Living  
1633 Madison Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104

**MORE:** Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federal and state-funded program providing services to help individuals with disabilities enter or return to employment. It is designed to assist individuals of work age with physical and/or mental disabilities compete successfully with others in earning a livelihood.

A copy of the FY2009 State Plan is available for viewing on our website at [http://state.tn.us/humanserv/rehab/rehab\\_main.htm](http://state.tn.us/humanserv/rehab/rehab_main.htm).

###

**CITIZENS PLAZA, 15TH FLOOR  
400 DEADERICK STREET  
NASHVILLE, TN 37243  
615.313.4700**